

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

Sub A. > 1. A system for transferring image data to a service provider, comprising:
an image source; and
5 an image pump configured to receive said image data from said image
source, and responsively provide said image data to said service
provider.

Sub F. > 2. The system of claim 1, wherein said image pump is further configured
10 to receive audio data from said image source and to send said audio data to
said service provider.

3. The system of claim 1, wherein said image pump is further configured
15 to receive text data from said image source and to send said text data to said
service provider.

Sub A. > 4. The system of claim 1, wherein said image source communicates with
said image pump via a wireless connection.

20 5. The system of claim 1, wherein said image source communicates with
said image pump via a hard-wired connection.

6. The system of claim 1, wherein said image source stores said image
25 data on a form of removable storage that may be coupled with said image
pump.

Sub F. > 7. The system of claim 1, wherein said image pump communicates with
said service provider via a wireless connection.

30 8. The system of claim 1, wherein said image pump communicates with
said service provider via a hard-wired connection.

9. The system of claim 8, wherein said hard-wired connection includes an Ethernet connection.

10. The system of claim 8, wherein said hard-wired connection comprises a network connection that includes a public switched telephone network.

11. The system of claim 1, wherein said image pump stores said image data on a form of removable storage that may be transported to said service provider.

12. The system of claim 1, wherein said image pump includes an image pump manager configured to control a transfer of said image data from said image source to said service provider.

13. The system of claim 12, wherein said image pump manager configures said image data to conform to a format required by said service provider.

14. The system of claim 1, wherein said image pump includes customer account information that is communicated to said service provider.

15. The system of claim 1, wherein said image source includes an image pump manager configured to control a transfer of said image data from said image source to said service provider.

16. The system of claim 15, wherein said image pump manager configures said image data to conform to a format required by said service provider.

17. The system of claim 1, wherein said image source includes customer account information that is communicated to said service provider.

18. The system of claim 1, wherein said image pump includes a touchscreen for displaying said image data to a user.

19. The system of claim 18, wherein said user makes service selections using said touchscreen.

5 20. The system of claim 1, wherein said image pump is further configured to determine user service selections and transfer said user service selections to said service provider.

21. The system of claim 1, wherein said image pump is operated by
10 depressing a user-activated button.

22. The system of claim 1, wherein said image source is a digital camera.

23. The system of claim 22, wherein said image pump is implemented in
15 said digital camera.

5.3 A } 24. A method for transferring image data to a service provider, comprising the steps of:

20 capturing said image data utilizing an image source;
sending said image data from said image source to an image pump;
and
providing said image data to said service provider by utilizing said
image pump.

5.3 F. } 25. The method of claim 24, wherein said image pump is configured to receive audio data from said image source and to send said audio data to said service provider.

26. The method of claim 24, wherein said image pump is configured to
30 receive text data from said image source and to send said text data to said service provider.

Sub A4) 27. The method of claim 24, wherein said image data is sent to said image pump via a wireless connection.

28. The method of claim 24, wherein said image data is sent to said image pump via a hard-wired connection.

29. The method of claim 24, wherein said image data is stored on a form of removable storage that may be coupled with said image pump.

Sub F) 10 30. The method of claim 24, wherein said image pump communicates with said service provider via a wireless connection.

31. The method of claim 24, wherein said image pump communicates with said service provider via a hard-wired connection.

15 32. The method of claim 31, wherein said hard-wired connection includes an Ethernet connection.

20 33. The method of claim 31, wherein said hard-wired connection comprises a network connection that includes a public switched telephone network.

25 34. The method of claim 24, wherein said image pump stores said image data on a form of removable storage that may be transported to said service provider.

35. The method of claim 24, wherein said image pump includes an image pump manager configured to control a transfer of said image data from said image source to said service provider.

30 36. The method of claim 35, wherein said image pump manager configures said image data to conform to a format required by said service provider.

37. The method of claim 24, wherein said image pump includes customer account information that is communicated to said service provider.

38. The method of claim 24, wherein said image source includes an image pump manager configured to control a transfer of said image data from said image source to said service provider.

39. The method of claim 38, wherein said image pump manager configures said image data to conform to a format required by said service provider.

40. The method of claim 24, wherein said image source includes customer account information that is communicated to said service provider.

41. The method of claim 24, wherein said image pump includes a touchscreen for displaying said image data to a user.

42. The method of claim 41, wherein said user makes service selections using said touchscreen.

43. The method of claim 24, wherein said image pump is configured to determine user service selections and transfer said user service selections to said service provider.

44. The method of claim 24, wherein said image pump is operated by depressing a user-activated button.

45. The method of claim 24, wherein said image data is captured by a digital camera.

46. The method of claim 45, wherein said image pump is implemented in said digital camera.

47. The method of claim 24, further comprising the step of establishing customer account information with said service provider.

5 48. A method for transferring image data to a service provider, comprising the steps of:

capturing image data utilizing an image source;
sending said image data from said image source to an image pump;
attaching customer account information to said image data;
sending said image data and said customer account information from
10 said image pump to said service provider;
reviewing said image data and said customer account information for
accuracy;
providing requested services by said service provider; and
returning a final product to a user.

15 49. A computer-readable medium comprising program instructions for transferring image data to a service provider, by performing the steps of:

capturing image data utilizing an image source;
sending said image data from said image source to an image pump;
20 and
providing said image data to said service provider by utilizing said
image pump.

50. A system for transferring image data to a service provider, comprising:
25 means for capturing image data;
means for sending said image data to an image pump; and
means for sending said image data to said service provider utilizing
said image pump.